

CITY OF HAMILTON

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT
Corporate Assets and Strategic Planning

TO: Chair and Members Public Works Committee	WARD(S) AFFECTED: CITY WIDE
COMMITTEE DATE: June 17, 2013	
SUBJECT/REPORT NO: Truck Route Designation Deletions - Kenilworth Access, Dundurn Street North (PW13049) - (City Wide)	
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RECOMMENDATION

- (a) That the Kenilworth Access, including the following sections of arterial roads leading to the Kenilworth Access, remain permanently deleted from the posted truck route network in the City of Hamilton:
 - (i) Upper Ottawa Street, between Fennell Avenue West and Mountain Brow Boulevard.
 - (ii) Concession Street / Mountain Brow Boulevard, between Upper Gage Avenue and the Kenilworth Access.
 - (iii) Kenilworth Avenue South, between Main Street East and the Kenilworth Access.
- (b) That Dundurn Street North, between York Boulevard and King Street West, remains permanently deleted from the posted truck route network in the City of Hamilton.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

As part of the implementation of the Truck Route Master Plan Study and adopted revisions to the designated truck route network back in 2010, both Dundurn Street North (York Boulevard to King Street West) and the Kenilworth Access and its approach road segments were removed from truck route designation for an intended eighteen month “pilot” trial period. Reference can be made to Appendix ‘A’ for a map showing both locations. The original project intention was to gauge what effects the truck route removal would have in these areas. After the trial period and consultation with the community and Ward Councillors, staff were asked to report back to the Truck Route Sub-Committee with its findings.

In late 2011, the original pilot recommendation was revised by Council to extend the ban for another eighteen month period - February 2012 to August 2013.

Traffic Operations and Engineering staff, in consultation with the Ward Councillors, and based upon feedback received and traffic data compiled since the truck route deletions took effect in the summer of 2010, has no objection to both the Kenilworth Access and Dundurn Street North remaining deleted from the designated truck route network in Hamilton.

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FINANCIAL / STAFFING / LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

Not applicable.

HISTORICAL BACKGROUND

At its meeting of November 30, 2011, Council amended the recommendations contained within Public Works Committee Report 10-08 (May 31, 2010), as appears below:

3. Truck Route Master Plan Study (PW10052) (City Wide) (Item 7.1)

- (a) That the final report of the Truck Route Master Plan Study be endorsed;
- (b) Council at their meeting of November 30, 2011 extended the exclusion of truck routes on the following roads listed below as numbers one through four for an additional 18 month period commencing in February 2012.
 - (1) Kenilworth Avenue, south of Main Street to north of Fennell Avenue (which by extension, includes the Kenilworth Access);
 - (2) Upper Ottawa Street, north of Fennell Avenue East;
 - (3) Concession Street/Mountain Brow Blvd., from Upper Gage Avenue to Upper Ottawa Street;
 - (4) Dundurn Street North from York Boulevard to King Street West.

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In April 2013, the Ward 6 Councillor approached staff informing of his intention to have the extended eighteen month trial condition for the truck route deletion on Kenilworth Access to be deemed a permanent condition. As Dundurn Street North in Ward 1 has the exact same status, consultation with the Ward 1 Councillor revealed that the same treatment be applied to Dundurn Street North.

As achieving the proposed change in status for these truck route network deletions requires an amendment to previous Council approved recommendations, this report provides a procedural avenue for reconsideration of the directives. Adopting the recommendations contained within this report will nullify the temporary reference and “pilot project” reporting expectations with respect to the truck route bans on the Kenilworth Access and Dundurn Street North.

Public Works staff has no objection to the proposed status for the current truck route deletions for the noted road segments. The changes for these locations were advertised and posted in the summer of 2010. At the outset, staff received some complaints from the business or transportation sector, as well as complaints from area residents about heavy truck traffic continuing to use these roadways. Follow-up truck traffic counts in the next two years at both locations showed a typically greater than 50% reduction in through truck traffic using the arterial road routes.

There has been minimal feedback over the last two years from the residential or business community about the truck route designation removals on Dundurn Street North and the Kenilworth Access, although the Mountain Brow neighbourhood group continues to express concern over adherence to the heavy truck traffic prohibition on the Kenilworth Access. It appears that all stakeholders have grown used to the change in transportation routes. Staff continues to maintain contact with Hamilton Police Service officers who provide on-going traffic enforcement as resources allow.

POLICY IMPLICATIONS / LEGISLATED REQUIREMENTS

No legislative change is necessary as the subject road segments are not listed in the Truck Routes Schedule of Traffic By-law No. 01-215.

RELEVANT CONSULTATION

Consultation in preparation for this report has taken place internally within the Public Works Department, City Clerk’s office, as well as with the Hamilton Police Service.

ALTERNATIVES FOR CONSIDERATION

The alternative to the recommendation would be to reinstate the truck routes on the affected streets. Staff does not support this alternative for the reasons stated in the report.

ALIGNMENT TO THE 2012 - 2015 STRATEGIC PLAN

Strategic Priority #2

Valued & Sustainable Services

WE deliver high quality services that meet citizen needs and expectations, in a cost effective and responsible manner.

Strategic Objective

2.3 Enhance customer service satisfaction.

Strategic Priority #3

Leadership & Governance

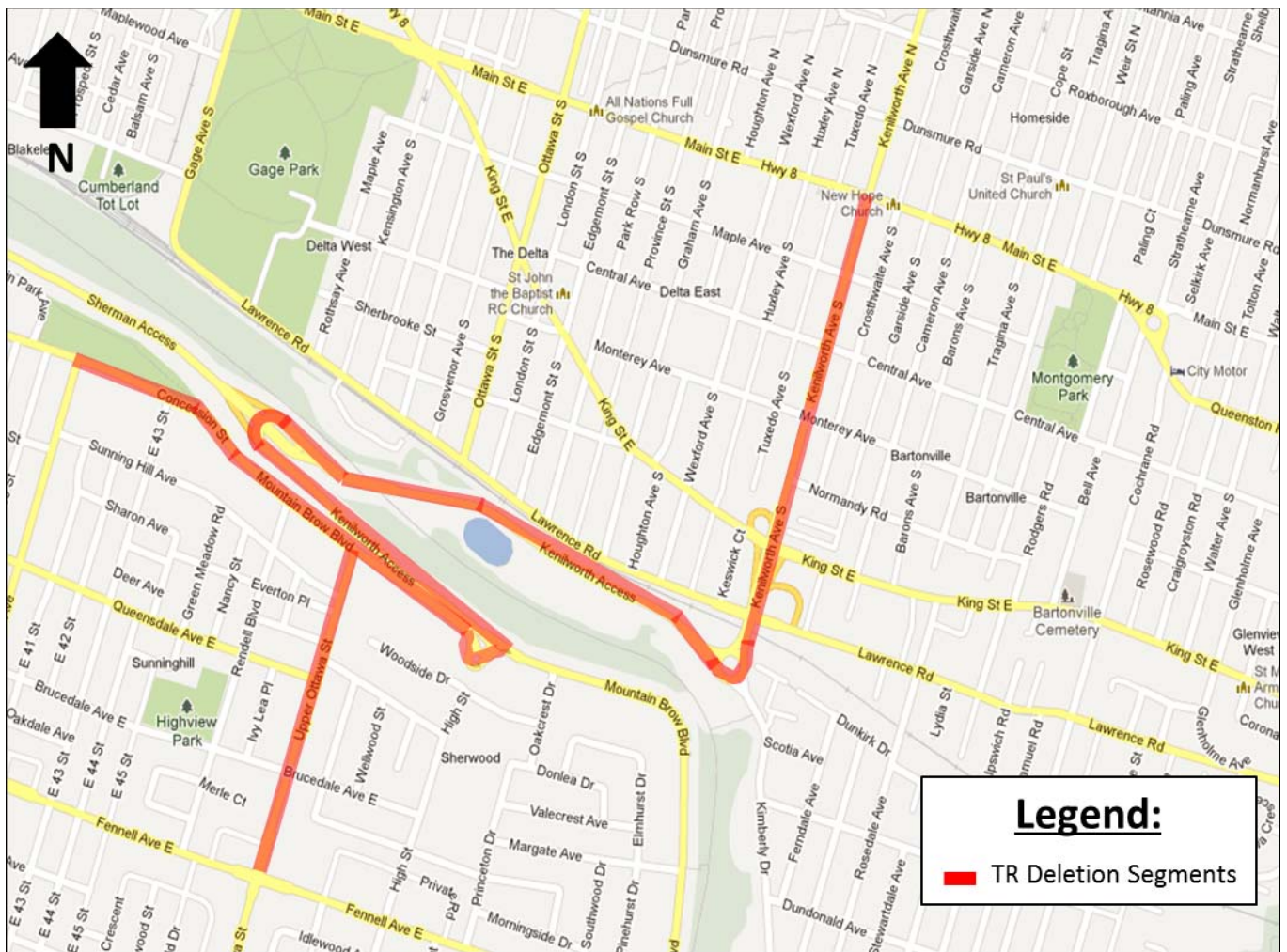
WE work together to ensure we are a government that is respectful towards each other and that the community has confidence and trust in.

3.4 Enhance opportunities for administrative and operational efficiencies.

APPENDICES / SCHEDULES

Appendix "A" - Location Maps

Kenilworth Access - Truck Route Deletion



Dundurn Street North - Truck Route Deletion

